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RULES, ORDERS, and CONSTITUTIONS

Made by the Rulers, Auditors, *and* Aſſiſtants *of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of* Thames, *between* Graveſend *and* Windſor, *for the better Rule and Government of the ſaid Society or Company, examin'd, alter'd, and approv'd by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* London, *and confirm'd by the Right Honourable* Robert *Lord* Raymond, *Baron of* Abbots Langley, *in the County of* Hertford, *Lord Chief Juſtice of His Majeſty's Court of* King's-Bench, *purſuant to the Authority and Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that Caſe made and provided.*

Imprimis. IT is ordered, That if any Waterman or Lighterman, or Watermen or Lightermen in Co-partnerſhip,

I. *Perſons not to work with a wrong Number.*

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nerſhip, who now, or hereafter ſhall keep, uſe, hire, or work any Wherry or Wherries, Boat or Boats, Lighter or Lighters, or other Craft upon the River of *Thames*, between *Graveſend* and *Windſor*, and ſhall neglect, or refuſe to affix, or ſet his or their true Number thereon, not leſs than four Inches each Figure in large Figures on the Bows of the Lighters, and Hudds Boards of the Barges, and two Inches each Figure on the Linings on each ſide of the Boats or Wherries, juſt abaft the Wherrit Stoppers, or ſhall affix or ſet, or cauſe to be affixed or ſet on any of the aforeſaid Craft, any fictitious or other Perſon's Number, other than his or their own Number as aforeſaid; every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, ſhall reſpectively forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, to the Rulers and Overſeers of the ſaid Company, for

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the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Company, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

ITEM, Whereas divers Apprentices do daily contract Matrimony in the time of their Apprenticeſhips, which is not only prejudicial to the Maſters, by ſpending their Money and looſing their time, but is alſo a great Hindrance to His Majeſty's Service, by their deſerting and abſenting themſelves in the time of War, and their Wives and Children do often become chargeable to the Pariſhes whereto they do belong. To prevent the ſame for the Future, It is Ordained and Ordered, That if any Apprentice of any Waterman or Lighterman ſhall contract Matrimony during his Apprenticeſhip, upon due Proof thereof made before the Rulers, Auditors, and Aſſiſtants, or the major part of them, at any of their publick Courts or Aſſemblies, the Party

II. *Apprentices not to marry in the Term of their Apprenticeſhips.*

ſo offending, being duly ſummoned to anſwer the ſame, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Rulers and Overſeers of the ſaid Company, for the uſe aforeſaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds. Provided always nevertheleſs, That every Apprentice who ſhall incurr the above Penalty for marrying, ſhall and may at any time, during the Space of three Months next after ſuch Proof of his Matrimony as aforeſaid, appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, againſt ſuch Forfeiture, which ſaid Court ſhall and may hear and finally determine the ſaid Appeal, and relieve the Perſon appealing in ſuch Manner, as they in Juſtice ſhall think fit. And it is hereby further Ordered, That if the ſaid Perſon or Perſons ſo forfeiting ſhall not appeal as aforeſaid, or ſhall not be relieved upon ſuch Appeal, and

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ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay the ſaid Sum of Ten Pounds ſo forfeited as aforeſaid, upon demand, according to the Order of the ſaid Rulers, Auditors, and Aſſiſtants, or the major part of them, that then the ſaid Penalties ſo forfeited, may be levyed by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods, as is herein after mention'd; and if not paid, and cannot be levyed, then ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo forfeiting, ſhall not be capable of being made free of the Company of Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen, or be admitted to Work or Row as a Waterman or Lighterman on the ſaid River of *Thames*, for the Space of Two Years from thence next enſuing ſuch time of Payment as aforeſaid, during which time, in Caſe ſuch Apprentice ſhall Row or Work on the ſaid River, then he or they ſhall, for every ſuch

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Offence, be liable to the Penalties inflicted on Perſons not free of the ſaid Company, preſuming to Work or Row on the ſaid River.

III. *None to hinder others paſſing to or from the Stairs.*

ITEM, That no Waterman or Lighterman, or his Servant or Apprentice, ſhall lay, or cauſe to be laid any Boat, Wherry, Barge, Lighter, Flat-Boat, or Luggage-Boat before any of the publick Stairs, or Places of Plying, or on any Cauſey ſo as to hinder and prevent due and orderly paſſing of any Boat, Wherry, Barge, Lighter, Flat-Boat, or Luggage-Boat unto or from any Stairs or Landing Places, but ſhall lye clear of the ſaid Stairs or Landing Places, upon Pain, that every Perſon ſo offending as aforeſaid, be he Waterman, Lighterman, Servant, or Apprentice, ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, to the Rulers

Rulers and Overſeers of the ſaid Company, to the Uſe aforeſaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-Pence for every Boat or Wherry; and Five Shillings for every Barge, Lighter, Flat-Boat, or Luggage-Boat.

ITEM, Whereas divers Abuſes are daily committed on the River of *Thames* by Watermen and their Apprentices or Servants, by their plying Fares and Paſſengers, and refuſing to carry them. To prevent the ſame for the Future, It is Ordained and Ordered, That every Waterman, or his Apprentice, or Servant, who ſhall ply or receive a Fare, or Paſſenger or Paſſengers into his or their Boat or Boats, and ſhall refuſe to carry them to their reſpective Landing Place on the ſaid River, directed by

IV. *Againſt plying a Fare, &c. and refuſing to carry them.*

by the Paſſenger or Paſſengers (without wilful let or hindrance) every Perſon ſo offending as aforeſaid, being thereof duly convicted before ſome Juſtice of the Peace, ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, to the ſaid Rulers and Overſeers, to the Uſe aforeſaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-Pence.

V. *Penalties and Forfeitures how to be Recovered.*

ITEM, It is further Ordained and Ordered, That all the Penalties inflicted by theſe Rules and By-Laws, may be levyed from time to time, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods of every ſuch Offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, or one or more of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, or one or more of the Juſtices of the Peace within the Shires

Shires next adjoining to the ſaid River of *Thames*, between *Graveſend* and *Windſor*, within their ſeveral Juriſdictions, purſuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third; Intitled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherrymen rowing on the River of* Thames; *and for the better ordering and governing the ſaid Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen upon the ſaid River, between* Graveſend *and* Windſor.

I have ſeen and peruſed theſe By-Laws, and do approve, allow, and confirm the ſame. Dated this Firſt Day of November, Anno Dom. 1732. *And in the Sixth Year of the Reign of*

of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, *the Second, by the Grace of God, of* Great Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith*, &c.

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